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February 26, 2004

Via Fax (202) 565-9004 and UPS Next Day Air

The Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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RE: Docket No. AB-838, East St. Louis Junction Railroad Company – Adverse Abandonment – In St. Clair County, IL

Docket No. AB-33 (Sub-No. 199), Union Pacific Railroad Company – Adverse Discontinuance – In St. Clair County, IL

Dear Mr. Williams:

In accordance with my letter to you dated February 25, 2004, concerning the above referenced matter, please be advised that I did have a conversation with counsel to the Illinois Department of Transportation and he informed me that IDOT has no objection to the request for a 60 day extension to the negotiation period.

An additional ten (10) copies of this letter are attached for the Board's files.

Very truly yours,

cc: Fritz R. Kahn, Esq.

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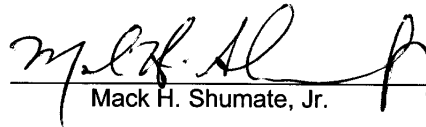
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have this day served a copy of the foregoing document upon the following by fax and by first class United States Mail:

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Dated at Chicago, Illinois this 26th day of February, 2004.


Mack H. Shumate, Jr.